

ENERGY STAR® Fast Facts



The Symbol for Energy Efficiency

Fast Facts about ENERGY STAR Qualified Windows, Doors and Skylights

- The distinctive ENERGY STAR label was created by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the United States Department of Energy (DOE) to help consumers quickly and easily identify windows, doors, and skylights, as well as appliances, office equipment and other products that save energy.
- ENERGY STAR partners with energy utilities and the window industry to educate consumers about the benefits of choosing efficient windows, doors, and skylights.
- An average household spends over 40 percent of its annual energy budget on heating and cooling costs. Installing ENERGY STAR qualified windows, doors and skylights can reduce those energy bills by up to 15 percent.
- Performance guidelines for ENERGY STAR qualified window products are tailored to meet the energy needs of the country's different climate regions, assuring consumers that the windows they choose are most appropriate for the area in which they live.
- ENERGY STAR qualified windows, doors and skylights are manufactured with most common frame materials including fiberglass, vinyl, and wood.
- ENERGY STAR qualified windows, doors and skylights are available in the same operator types as non-ENERGY STAR qualifying products including single and double hung, casements, horizontal slider, fixed or picture, and patio sliders.
- ENERGY STAR qualified windows, doors and skylights are 40 percent more efficient than the window products required under the most common national building codes.
- Low-e coatings, found on ENERGY STAR qualified windows, can reduce sun damage and fading by up to 75 percent, protecting your furnishings, carpets, paint and artwork. Additionally, these well-insulated windows resist condensation and drafting, ensuring greater comfort.
- ENERGY STAR qualified windows are good for the environment because they reduce the amount of energy needed to heat and cool homes. Most energy is produced by burning fossil fuels, which causes air pollution, smog and global warming. By using energy more efficiently, we can prevent pollution.
- Look for the ENERGY STAR label on products, packaging, literature, store signage and in product advertising. Ask retail sales staff to show you the ENERGY STAR qualified products in their showrooms or go to www.energystar.gov to find the Store Locator and identify stores near you that carry qualified products.